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Please find enclosed the Applicant's response to the outstanding office action dated May 18, 2004, by Examiner John M Winter.

Regards

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 18, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper. The Applicant submits that these amendments introduce no new matter.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4 of this paper. The Applicant submits that these amendments introduce no new matter.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.